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Energy Task Force and Advisory Board Members Announced

Nevada State Office of Energy (NSOE) Director Stacey Crowley named 11 members today to the New Energy Industry Task Force, an existing statutory committee that Gov. Brian Sandoval tasked with examining energy transmission issues in an executive order last week. A technical advisory committee was also appointed to assist the task force in assessing a regional market for Nevada's renewable energy resources.

"Our first meeting will take place before the end of the year," Crowley said. "We will present a report to the governor by August 1, 2012, that demonstrates the business case for production and transmission of renewable energy, sets forth a direction on Nevada's role in the regional transmission market, and may recommend policy or regulatory changes that support the goals of the task force."

Members of the task force are Ellen Allman from Terragen, Matt Frazer from Associated General Contractors, Tom Husted from Valley Electric Association, Jack McGinley from NV Energy, Tom Morley from Laborers 872, Carla Pihowich from Amonix, Ian Rogoff from the Nevada Institute for Renewable Energy Commercialization, Paul Thomsen from Ormat, John Tull from the Nevada Wilderness Project, Lawrence Willick from LS Power, and Jim Woodruff from First Solar.

The advisory committee will include Jim Baak from Vote Solar, John Candelaria from Aspen Environmental, Kathleen Drakulich from McDonald Carano Wilson, Joni Eastley from Nye County, Alex Gamboa from Envirolution, Jason Geddes from the Nevada System of Higher Education, Dan Jacobsen from the Bureau of Consumer Protection, State Assemblywoman Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Amy Lueders from the Bureau of Land Management, State Senator James Settelmeyer, Rebecca Wagner from the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, and Connie Westadt from Kaempfer Crowell Renshaw Gronauer & Fiorentino.

Nevada Revised Statute 701.500 charges the task force with promoting the development of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in Nevada. Gov. Sandoval's order focuses the initial work of the task force on facilitating the timely development of transmission facilities to deploy renewable energy resources in Nevada.

Crowley will coordinate the efforts of the task force with other state, regional and federal organizations to achieve several goals:

- Identify and establish corridors for the transmission of electricity in Nevada recognizing the renewable energy zones adopted by the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN).
- Promote the development of transmission facilities and renewable energy resources in Nevada and neighboring states that is reasonable, considers the impacts to Nevada citizens, and creates an environment that invites development.
- Coordinate with stakeholders on the development of regional transmission planning and cost allocation strategies for interstate transmission facilities.
- Develop a business case to develop Nevada's renewable resources and related industries with the lowest possible risk to ratepayers.

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